

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 1-9, 11-15, 17-30, 32-45, 48-59, 61-86, and 92-96, and rejected claims 87-91. Applicants canceled claims 10, 16, 31, 46, 47, and 60 in previous communications. Applicants thank the Examiner for the recognition of allowable subject matter in the present claims.

The Examiner rejected claims 87-91 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as directed to non-statutory subject matter. Although Applicants do not necessarily agree with this rejection, Applicants recognize that the Examiner has indicated that all other pending claims are allowable. Accordingly, Applicants have chosen to place the application in condition for allowance by canceling rejected claims 87-91. Applicants have done so without prejudice, as such subject matter may be included in a subsequent continuing application that addresses the Examiner's rejection.

Upon entry of the amendments, claims 1-9, 11-15, 17-30, 32-45, 48-59, 61-86, and 92-96 will remain pending in the present patent application and are believed to be in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the outstanding rejection and allowance of all pending claims.

Examiner Interview Summary

Applicants thank the Examiner for his participation in a telephonic interview with the undersigned representative on July 19, 2006. In this interview, the rejection of claims 87-91 of the present patent application was generally discussed. *See* Office Action mailed June 23, 2006, page 2. No specific agreement as to these claims was reached during this interview. As noted above, however, Applicants have canceled claims 87-91 without prejudice to place the application in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims should be in condition for allowance. However, if the Examiner believes certain amendments are necessary to clarify the present claims or if the Examiner wishes to resolve any other issues by way of a telephone conference, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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